

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников по английскому языку
2024–2025 учебный год
Школьный этап
9-11 КЛАССЫ

LISTENING
Time: 10 minutes
(10 points)

For items 1–10, listen to a young man called Simon talking about the 'gap year' he took after finishing secondary school and choose the best answer. You will hear the text twice.

- Simon's parents
 - A. supported the idea of a gap year.
 - B. preferred him to continue his education.
 - C. wanted him to work until he retired.
- What was the main reason Simon wanted a gap year?
 - A. to become independent.
 - B. to get away from his family.
 - C. to forget about his schooldays.
- Life at university is
 - A. pretty much the same as at school.
 - B. unbearable for some students.
 - C. full of entertainments.
- What did Simon do in his last year of school?
 - A. prepare for a change of lifestyle.
 - B. daydream instead of studying.
 - C. plan his gap year trip.
- Simon planned to visit some particular countries because
 - A. they were not very far from his home country.
 - B. the language would be no problem there.
 - C. he would be able to earn his living there.
- What did Simon enjoy about working in France?
 - A. He learnt to pick fruit.
 - B. He improved his language skills.
 - C. He became interested in Vietnam.
- What proved to be useful when Simon got to Vietnam?
 - A. having met a lot of other gap year students.
 - B. brushing up his French.
 - C. fruit picking skills.

8. When Simon got to Australia he

- A. got a job in a zoo.
- B. had no money left.
- C. bought a pet.

9. Simon ended his gap year

- A. working as a waiter.
- B. travelling as a tourist.
- C. in the USA and Brazil.

10. How did his gap year affect Simon?

- A. He was encouraged to diet.
- B. He decided to follow a different career.
- C. He wanted to go to university when he was older.

READING

Time: 20 minutes

(15 points)

Read an extract from a novel and answer questions.

Australian Road Trip

Dad had been driving our family through the beautiful countryside of Australia for some days, mainly along the coast. Then he suddenly decided we should explore what the scenery was like inland too, so we turned away from the sea and drove for miles through the countryside. Dad was very optimistic about what an adventure it would be, but it wasn't long before the rest of us suspected it was going to be pretty dull, not to mention uncomfortable as the roads were now full of hazardous holes.

The scenery was mostly dry plains, spotted with eucalyptus trees and a few flowering plants somehow managing to survive the climate. It seemed just about the loneliest place I'd ever visited. We drove through several towns – tiny groups of houses with a handful of stores – separated by miles and miles of empty road in between, sometimes punctuated by the odd house on the roadside here and there.

I was curious about the signs that pointed away up endless long driveways to single houses, and started to wonder about the lives of people living there. But immediately the thought of living in such a quiet, remote place made my heart sink, and I thought longingly of my own house thousands of miles away.

If we were hoping to see some wildlife, we weren't disappointed. Large adult kangaroos were a common sight as the sun started to go down, feeding off the rather thin grass on the roadside – probably because on the other side of the fences the cattle had eaten absolutely all the nicer stuff, so nothing else remained for the poor kangaroos. Luckily they stayed away from vehicles, so at least we weren't in danger of crashing into them.

Further along the way, we met some cattle drovers who'd been driving their cattle thousands of miles over a period of months, towards areas where they knew there'd been small amounts of rain. There were just five of them to look after more than a thousand animals, and we learnt that they just drove their cattle towards wherever it rained. They never knew what would happen from one day to the next, which seemed a strange, unattractive sort of life to me.

Then we finally approached a big town, where there was a huge zoo. By this time, we

really wanted to get out of our car and do something, so we parked up and went in. The zoo had mainly Australian animals, some of which we'd already come across along the way, so we were quite keen to find out more about them. We saw a crocodile show, where they get crocodiles to jump out of the water by hanging some meat in the air. Far from being the quiet animals they look when they are fast asleep on a riverbank, they were transformed into fierce, snapping creatures that reminded me of ancient, terrifying dinosaurs.

While we were there, two new crocodiles arrived. The two adults had been found injured in the wild, and transported to the zoo in a plane, inside special long wooden boxes designed to keep crocodiles cool and quiet during a journey. Once they were at the zoo, they were released into their pond, and they ran straight into the water to cool off, sinking down until just their eyes were visible.

Then we went off to see some kangaroos. This time, rather than just seeing them from afar, you could touch them if you wanted and feel their soft fur. One actually had a baby in its special pouch, like a little pocket, with just the baby's tail sticking out! The keeper happened to mention that adult kangaroos can kick at their enemies really fiercely, so I decided against getting too near the mother, even though she was with the keeper, and just settled for a photo instead.

Task 1

In boxes 1–7 on your answer sheet, circle: TRUE if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; FALSE if the statement contradicts the information given in the text, or if the information on the statement is NOT STATED in the text.

1. Sara had never been to Australia before.
• TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
2. The vegetation of the inland territory they were driving across was very diverse.
 TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
3. In the afternoon, the travelers saw a number of kangaroos along the road.
 TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
4. The cattle drovers were trying to keep the animals safe from the rain.
• TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
5. The zoo didn't appeal to the travelers as it kept only animals endemic to Australia, which they had already seen along the way.
• TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
6. The new crocodiles were transported to the zoo by air in individual cases.
 TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
7. Sarah decided to steer clear of the mother kangaroo for fear of being attacked.
 TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED

Task 2

Choose option which best fits according to the text. Circle the correct letter in boxes 8–15 on your answer sheet.

8. Sarah says that when her dad drove off the coast road to explore the countryside

- A. he quickly decided he had made a mistake.
- B. the family were relieved to be on better roads.
- C. he was thrilled with the views they discovered
- D. the family soon realised the drive wouldn't be very exciting.

9. How does Sarah describe the towns they passed through?

- A. There was no sign of life between each one.
- B. They were located very far apart.
- C. There were a lot of gardens in each one.
- D. They had quite a few shops.

10. How was Sarah affected by the remote homes she saw along the way?

- A. She began to feel quite homesick.
- B. She was keen to know more about the owners' lifestyles.
- X C. She found the thought of living there scary.
- X D. She wondered why people wanted to live so far from other people.

11. When Sarah first spotted some wild kangaroos, she

- A. hoped they wouldn't be the only wildlife they saw.
- B. was afraid they might be dangerous.
- C. felt concerned about their lack of food.
- D. was surprised at their size.

12. What did Sarah feel about the cattle drovers' way of life?

- A. She envied them their lifestyle.
- B. It was very unpredictable.
- C. It was physically exhausting.
- D. She decided she'd like to work with animals too.

13. When Sarah saw the crocodile show at the zoo, she was

- A. frightened by their behaviour
- B. disappointed that they were asleep.
- C. keen to have a better look at them.
- D. attracted by their unusual appearance.

14. Sarah says that the new crocodiles at the zoo

- A. appeared stressed by the journey they'd had.
- B. had been transported there in an inappropriate way.
- C. seemed pleased to be in their new home.
- D. had been brought in because they were babies.

15. At the zoo, Sarah managed to
- (A) photograph some kangaroos.
 - B. see how kangaroos defend themselves.
 - C. ask the kangaroos' keeper some questions.
 - D. stroke the kangaroos.

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 60 minutes

(40 points)

Task 1

For items 1–10, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 EDITOR

WANT TO BE A TEENAGE MODEL?

Ceri Palmer used to be the (0) <u>editor</u> of a magazine for teenagers and	EDIT
has made several (1) <u>appearances</u> on TV.	APPEAR
She recently added 'designer' to her growing list of (2) <u>achievements</u> .	ACHIEVE
Ceri's experience in the magazine industry means she has lots of advice on starting a career in (3) <u>modeling</u> :	MODEL
"A lot of the most (4) <u>successful</u> girls and boys become models because	SUCCESS
they are spotted on the street by the owner of an (5) <u>agency</u> .	AGENT
But this is (6) <u>less-likely</u> to happen to many people, so you should send your photos to an agent instead.	LIKE
Don't pay to have photos taken (7) <u>professionally</u> - if an agent likes you, they'll organize this.	PROFESSION
You may find it (8) <u>surprising</u> to hear that models don't need to be really good-looking.	SURPRISE
Your (9) <u>height</u> and your look matter more.	HIGH
Finally, schools for models are (10) <u>expensive</u> and a waste of money, in my opinion."	EXPENSE

Task 2

For items 11–20, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

	A	B	C	D
0	Conservatively	Traditionally	Customarily	Practically

0	B
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A YOUNG CONTENDER

(0) B, bowls is described (11) C being a game which is played by senior citizens, so the announcement that a ten-year-old will be taking part in the National Bowls Championship has come as a shock to many players.

At the age of five, Ean Morton (12) swapped his football boots for a set of bowls which once (13) belonged to his great-grand-mother. He (14) stood to bowls at once but it (15) mustn't have been easy for Ean because he had to play against people who could take (16) advantage of his inexperience. In spite of the fact that Ean did not achieve (17) instant success at bowls, he refused to allow it to spoil his enjoyment of it.

Now, five years later, Ean is more than a match for most of his opponents. He is very excited (18) about playing in the tournament but admits that he doesn't really know what to expect. His father, who will also be playing in the Championship, is more optimistic. He believes that Ean will reach the (19) top and is prepared to (20) stand by him every step of the way.

	A	B	C	D
11	from	with	<u>as</u>	for
12	<u>swapped</u>	converted	switched	bartered
13	owned	<u>belonged</u>	possessed	effected
14	liked	<u>stood</u>	set	took
15	<u>mustn't</u>	can't	oughtn't	shouldn't
16	benefit	<u>advantage</u>	profit	gain
17	sudden	straight	direct	<u>instant</u>
18	for	from	<u>about</u>	with
19	peak	<u>top</u>	summit	crest
20	support	set	<u>stand</u>	back

Task 3

For questions 21–35, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct put a tick. Use the letter "V" as a tick. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in a given space. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).

NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL

0	The BBC has just announced that it will be showing	V
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00	a new series called <i>Neighbours from Hell</i> from by the	by
21	beginning of next month. Since it is being thought that	✓
22	many citizens have to stand up for their neighbours' rude	✓
23	behaviour either because they do not have enough of	either ✓
24	evidence for the police to act or they are too much	✓
25	frightened	✓
26	of their neighbours, the show is likely to be popular.	✓
27	Although the first episode shows the case of two elderly	although
28	men who have had an argument about a water supply	✓
29	last year. As a result of this, one of the men threatened	✓
30	the other. Despite of the fact that threats had been	✓
31	made, the police could not do nothing until they	✓
32	had proof that the law had been broken. The man	✓
33	who had been threatened decided that he should to get	to
34	the evidence required so he went to home, got out his	out
35	video camera and waited for his neighbour to carry out	✓
35	his threat. When his neighbour reached to his garden and	✓
	started to destroy his vegetables, he secured the evidencethe	
	police needed.	

Task 4

For items 36-40, match the two columns to make English sayings. In the right column, there are three extra phrases you don't need. There is an example at the beginning.

0	E
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0	To kill two birds with
36	Between the devil and
37	To have a card up
38	An iron fist in
39	To keep the wolf from
40	To have several irons in

G
T
D
C
H

A	the fire.
B	a velvet glove.
C	the horse.
D	the door.
E	one stone.
F	the deep blue sea.
G	the other side.
H	a brick wall
I	your sleeve.

Writing
Time: 30 minutes
(20 points)

Comment on the following problem:

«Elderly people who live alone should be taken care of».

In your comment use the information from the article below.

Elderly people who live alone can be monitored by new technology that analyses household sounds to ensure their safety.

The new sound monitoring system, developed by Fujitsu, the Japanese electronics company, examines noises in homes via a microphone connected to a data centre. The technology is refined enough to differentiate between the sound of a falling object or a collapsing human and can instantly alert family members or security firms if any abnormality is detected.

From breathing and coughing to sleeping, all noises made by the resident can be detected by the technology, in addition to analysis of daily routines, heat and humidity levels.

Write 100 – 140 words.

• **Remember to:**

- make an introduction
- express your personal opinion on the problem and give reasons for your opinion
- express your attitude towards the information from the article
- make a conclusion.

Write in your own words.

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Listening

1	T	-
2	T	-
3	T	+
4	M	+
5	T	-
6	T	-
7	M	-
8	T	-
9	T	-
10	T	-

2

Reading

11	C	+
12	D	+
13	B	+
14	B	+
15	G	-
16	G	+

5

Use of English

17	was	+
18	still	+
19	to	+
20	even	+
21	remember	+
22	when	+
23	discover	-
24	at	+
25	persuade	+
26	fairly	-
27	gathered	-
28	happened	-
29	had to push	+
30	found	+
31	were trying	+
32	is pointing	+
33	were holding	+
34	love	+
35	decided	+
36	joined	-
37	appeared	+
38	took	-
39	took	+
40	said	+

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WRITING

Imagine that you invite your English friend Martin to go to the Zoo tomorrow. Write an e-mail to Martin. Do not write down the address.

Say:

- invite him to the Zoo;
- what he can see there;
- where and when you can meet him.

Write about 50-60 words.

C-2
D-1
A-2
E-2
of-1

80

Hi Martin! How are you? The weather is
very cool. Let's go to the zoo today. We can
see in a cafe. We can see in a zoo a lot
of animals: big elephant, funny monkeys,
dangerous tigers and snakes, strong gorillas,
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PART 1

LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes

Task 1

Listen to the text and choose the right answer A, B or C. You will hear the text twice.

1. How many Matryoshka dolls are there in the museum?
A 40
 B 400
C 4000
2. How many pieces do doll sets usually have?
A five to ten
B B five to nine
 C five to seven
3. When did Matryoshkas first come to Russia?
 A at the end of the 19th century
B at the beginning of the 19th century
C C in the middle of the 19th century
4. How many dolls did the first Matryoshka set have?
A five
 B six
C seven
5. Where is the Russian Matryoshka Museum situated?
A Moscow, Tverskaya Street
B Moscow, Nikitskaya Street
 C Moscow, Leontievsky Pereulok

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet !

PART 2

READING *Time: 15 minutes*

Task 1

Make one text putting the paragraphs A – E into the correct order from 6 – 10 in your answer sheet.

41	Do you remember
42	am
43	used

+

+

+

WRITING

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Sp.

Dear Friend
Unfortunately, I won't be able to come. I'm really ashamed to say this, but I have a reason. Yesterday at training I sprained my ankle and I can't walk at all. Also, I am going to prepare for my exams in mathematics, English, History and my favorite subject Geography. I wish you a good time and enjoy the party. I hope that we will meet soon and be able to relax together. Enjoy the party from me and say hello to everyone from me.
With love, Polina

K1 - 3
K2 - 2
K3 - 2
K4 - 2
K5 - 1
/ 10

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Part 1
Listening (10 points)

Listen to Kelly and Jason's conversation. Decide if each question 1 – 10 is **TRUE (T)**, **FALSE (F)** or the information is **NOT STATED (NS)** in the text. Put a tick in the proper box.

1. Kelly thinks that people's diets now are less healthy than in the past. T
2. Jason thinks there are a lot of people now who do not know how to relax. T
3. Jason and Kelly share the same opinion about people not sleeping enough. T
4. In Jason's opinion some people go to bed late as they enjoy dancing at night. NS
5. Kelly believes that cycling to school is becoming more popular. +
6. According to Jason there are more cyclists in the cities today as they care about pollution. F
7. Kelly says that air pollution in the cities is getting worse. +
8. Jason says that Kelly is often ill. NS
9. Kelly thinks that teens suffer colds for a couple of days only. F
10. In the end, Jason and Kelly agree about young people's health. T

Part 2
Reading (6 points)

Read about the people in texts 11–16. They all would like to learn something new. Match schools/courses A–G with the people whose interests they can satisfy. There is one letter you do not need to use.

- ✓ 11. Edwina works for a multinational company with branches in most European countries. She really needs to learn French and German, but she has very little spare time and thinks it could be difficult to find time.
- ✓ 12. Damian got his job as soon as he left school. He never had the chance to go to university. He isn't very happy with his job, but he knows he can't get a better one without a degree. He might try a part-time degree course if it's not too demanding.
- ✓ 13. Alice has a lot of time on her hands. She is a very creative person with a lot of imagination, which she really doesn't use very much right now. She already has a lot of hobbies, but she'd rather learn something new that would let her use her imagination.
- ✓ 14. Paul doesn't work; he looks after the children while his wife goes to work. He would like to do something for himself, learn something new or take up a new hobby, but he needs to stay at home.
- ✓ 15. Rhona is a school teacher. She teaches mathematics, but has always been interested in art and culture. She takes a great interest in the philosophy and civilization of the East. She may go to Vietnam next year.
- ✓ 16. Philip finds his life boring. He works nine to five, but has no other interests and would like to find something to do in the evening, maybe enroll on a course to learn something new, but nothing too demanding.

A. The Language School - 15

✓ Take courses in more than just languages! You can learn about the culture and the history of the countries where the languages we teach are spoken! We specialize in less common languages spoken in Asia in the Far East.

✓ **B. The Internet School** - 14

We offer a variety of courses in over a hundred different subjects from accounting to interior design. You don't have to attend the classes: all courses are offered 100% online. A certificate is mailed to you when you finish.

✓ **C. Professional Communication** - 11

Language courses in most European languages at all levels, from beginners to advanced. Most of the coursework can be done online and you only need to attend classes once a fortnight on any evening. Ideal for busy professionals.

✓ **D. Access to Education** - 12

We have courses in economics, business administration and management, leading to a degree. The course programme is extremely flexible, ideal for working students, and uses a combination of online study and face-to-face tutorials. You may attend at a time that is convenient for you.

✓ **E. Business Courses** - 15

Do you have a head for Business? Our dynamic courses will give you the know-how to keep up in an ever changing business world. Offering everything in between Business Administration and Accounting, we have an opportunity to suit your learning style and needs. Two years of intense studying will lead you to a degree you are dreaming of.

✓ **F. The Writing Centre** - 12

The Centre offers creative writing courses and workshops for people who are interested in a career as a writer. Lessons are two or three times a week. You can choose between writing a short story or a novel.

✓ **G. The Music Academy**

We've just introduced part-time courses in Jazz singing and/or playing the guitar specially for adults! All lessons take place in the evening. Courses for both beginners and more advanced students available! - 16

Part 3

Use of English (27 points)

Task 1

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question 17-26, mark the letter next to the correct word - A, B, C or D. The first one is done for you.

Example answer: 0 A B C D

Picasso

If you ask many people to (0) name a twentieth-century artist, they will suggest 'Picasso'. Although he (17) was born in 1881 and died in 1973, the general public (18) still thinks of his work as modern art. His early paintings look traditional (19) to us nowadays, but his later work is less easy to understand, (20) even seventy years after he did it. One thing students should (21) know about Picasso is that he enjoyed a joke. This is clear (22) when we

look at the drawings he made on dishes and pots. When we try to (23) discover the importance of Picasso, we must not forget that he was a clever businessman as well as a great artist. Although poor when young, he was excellent (24) at selling his work and he became extremely rich. He believed he was a great artist, and he could (25) persuade other people that he was too. Some people feel that there are other twentieth-century artists who should be (26) fairly famous, but this can only be decided in the future.

	A	B	C	D
0.	name	call	say	tell
17.	was	has	is	had
18.	yet	still	just	already
19.	with	by	to	for
20.	all	that	though	even
21.	remember	revise	review	remind
22.	how	when	where	which
23.	check	consist	judge	discover
24.	in	on	out	at
25.	persuade	insist	decide	agree
26.	actually	presently	fairly	equally

Task 2

Put each verb in brackets 27-43 in the correct tense and voice forms. The first one is done for you.

An old school friend

When John (0) saw (see) the large crowd which (27) gathered (gather) in the street, he wasn't sure at first what (28) happened (happen). There were so many people blocking the entrance to the hotel, that he (29) had to push (have to push) his way through them to get to the door. At the door he (30) found (find) two policemen who (31) tried (try) to hold the crowd back. 'What on earth (32) is (go) on?' he asked them. Then John noticed that some of the crowd (33) were (hold) placards which read, 'We (34) love (love) you, Sally.' Of course, that was it. Sally Good was a footballer, the first woman to play for England.

Although John wasn't really interested in sport he (35) decided (decide) he (36) joined (join) the crowd and wait until she (37) appeared (appear). About ten minutes later, a smiling woman appeared and waved to the crowd. John (38) was taken (take) completely by surprise when she (39) took (take) his arm and (40) said (say), '(41) Do (you remember) me? I (42) am (be) the girl who (43) used (use) to sit next to you at school.'

Part 4

Writing (10 points)

Imagine that you cannot come to your friend's New Year's party. Write him/her a letter with apologies.

Do not forget to:

- send your wishes;
- name the reasons why you cannot come;
- follow the rules of letter writing.

You should write about 80 -100 words.

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ANSWER SHEET

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Максимальная оценка за работу – 85 баллов

LISTENING (максимум 10 баллов)

Item	Answer
1	B +
2	A +
3	B +
4	C +
5	C +
6	A -
7	A -
8	B +
9	C +
10	B +

READING (максимум 15 баллов)

Task 1

Item	Answer
1	NOT STATED +
2	FALSE +
3	TRUE +
4	TRUE -
5	FAISE +
6	TRUE +
7	TRUE +

Task 2

Item	Answer
8	D +
9	B +
10	A +
11	C +
12	B +
13	A +
14	B -
15	B -

USE OF ENGLISH (максимум 40 баллов)

Task 1

Item	Answer	
1	APPEARS	-
2	ACHIEVEMENTS	-
3	MODELING	+
4	SUCCESSFUL	+
5	AGENCY	+
6	LIKELY	-
7	PROFESSIONALLY	-
8	SURPRISING	+
9	HIGHT	-
10	EXPENSIVE	+

Task 2

Item	Answer	
11	C	+
12	D	-
13	B	+
14	B	-
15	B	+
16	A	-
17	C	-
18	C	+
19	B	+
20	C	+

Task 3

Item	Answer	
21	V	-
22	V	-
23	V	-
24	to	-
25	V	+
26	V	-
27	V	-
28	V	+
29	V	-
30	V	-
31	V	+
32	to	+
33	to	+
34	V	+
35	to	+

19

Task 4

Item	Answer	
36	A	-
37	I	+
38	F	-
39	C	-
40	H	-

Writing (максимум 40 баллов)

Our time, there are a lot of elderly people suffering w pain or dying in their own flats alone with no chance for get-ting help. Why is it so? It's because they don't have a family near them at the moment or just live alone. And this is a huge problem.

I think that elderly people who live alone deserve to be taken care of just as old people with families are. I personally live very far from my grandparents' house so I worry about them pretty often. I think this problem affects many people around the world.

But Japanese electronics company seems to find a solution! They already made special monitoring system that will analyse household sounds and ensures their safety. This kind of technology will be very useful for people with disabilities or no family.

I think that people who works on this problem are true heroes and they are doing a very important job that will save many lives one day.

K1-10
K2-2
K3-3
K4-3
K5-2 | 20

LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes

(10 points)

For items 1–10, listen to a young man called Simon talking about the 'gap year' he took after finishing secondary school and choose the best answer. You will hear the text twice.

1. Simon's parents

- A. supported the idea of a gap year.
 B. preferred him to continue his education.
 C. wanted him to work until he retired.

2. What was the main reason Simon wanted a gap year?

- A. to become independent.
 B. to get away from his family.
 C. to forget about his schooldays.

3. Life at university is

- A. pretty much the same as at school.
 B. unbearable for some students.
 C. full of entertainments.

4. What did Simon do in his last year of school?

- A. prepare for a change of lifestyle.
 B. daydream instead of studying.
 C. plan his gap year trip.

5. Simon planned to visit some particular countries because

- A. they were not very far from his home country.
 B. the language would be no problem there.
 C. he would be able to earn his living there.

6. What did Simon enjoy about working in France?

- A. He learnt to pick fruit.
 B. He improved his language skills.
 C. He became interested in Vietnam.

7. What proved to be useful when Simon got to Vietnam?

- A. having met a lot of other gap year students.
 B. brushing up his French.
 C. fruit picking skills.

8. When Simon got to Australia he

- A. got a job in a zoo.
- B. had no money left.
- C. bought a pet.

9. Simon ended his gap year

- A. working as a waiter.
- B. travelling as a tourist.
- C. in the USA and Brazil.

10. How did his gap year affect Simon?

- A. He was encouraged to diet.
- B. He decided to follow a different career.
- C. He wanted to go to university when he was older.

READING

Time: 20 minutes

(15 points)

Read an extract from a novel and answer questions.

Australian Road Trip

Dad had been driving our family through the beautiful countryside of Australia for some days, mainly along the coast. Then he suddenly decided we should explore what the scenery was like inland too, so we turned away from the sea and drove for miles through the countryside. Dad was very optimistic about what an adventure it would be, but it wasn't long before the rest of us suspected it was going to be pretty dull, not to mention uncomfortable as the roads were now full of hazardous holes.

The scenery was mostly dry plains, spotted with eucalyptus trees and a few flowering plants somehow managing to survive the climate. It seemed just about the loneliest place I'd ever visited. We drove through several towns – tiny groups of houses with a handful of stores – separated by miles and miles of empty road in between, sometimes punctuated by the odd house on the roadside here and there.

I was curious about the signs that pointed away up endless long driveways to single houses, and started to wonder about the lives of people living there. But immediately the thought of living in such a quiet, remote place made my heart sink, and I thought longingly of my own house thousands of miles away.

If we were hoping to see some wildlife, we weren't disappointed. Large adult kangaroos were a common sight as the sun started to go down, feeding off the rather thin grass on the roadside – probably because on the other side of the fences the cattle had eaten absolutely all the nicer stuff, so nothing else remained for the poor kangaroos. Luckily they stayed away from vehicles, so at least we weren't in danger of crashing into them.

Further along the way, we met some cattle drovers who'd been driving their cattle thousands of miles over a period of months, towards areas where they knew there'd been small amounts of rain. There were just five of them to look after more than a thousand animals, and we learnt that they just drove their cattle towards wherever it rained. They never knew what would happen from one day to the next, which seemed a strange, unattractive sort of life to me.

Then we finally approached a big town, where there was a huge zoo. By this time, we

really wanted to get out of our car and do something, so we parked up and went in. The zoo had mainly Australian animals, some of which we'd already come across along the way, so we were quite keen to find out more about them. We saw a crocodile show, where they get crocodiles to jump out of the water by hanging some meat in the air. Far from being the quiet animals they look when they are fast asleep on a riverbank, they were transformed into fierce, snapping creatures that reminded me of ancient, terrifying dinosaurs.

While we were there, two new crocodiles arrived. The two adults had been found injured in the wild, and transported to the zoo in a plane, inside special long wooden boxes designed to keep crocodiles cool and quiet during a journey. Once they were at the zoo, they were released into their pond, and they ran straight into the water to cool off, sinking down until just their eyes were visible.

Then we went off to see some kangaroos. This time, rather than just seeing them from afar, you could touch them if you wanted and feel their soft fur. One actually had a baby in its special pouch, like a little pocket, with just the baby's tail sticking out! The keeper happened to mention that adult kangaroos can kick at their enemies really fiercely, so I decided against getting too near the mother, even though she was with the keeper, and just settled for a photo instead.

Task 1

In boxes 1–7 on your answer sheet, circle: TRUE if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; FALSE if the statement contradicts the information given in the text, or if the information on the statement is NOT STATED in the text.

1. Sara had never been to Australia before.
• TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
2. The vegetation of the inland territory they were driving across was very diverse.
• TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
3. In the afternoon, the travelers saw a number of kangaroos along the road.
 TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
4. The cattle drovers were trying to keep the animals safe from the rain.
 TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
5. The zoo didn't appeal to the travelers as it kept only animals endemic to Australia, which they had already seen along the way.
• TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
6. The new crocodiles were transported to the zoo by air in individual cases.
 TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED
7. Sarah decided to steer clear of the mother kangaroo for fear of being attacked.
 TRUE • FALSE • NOT STATED

Task 2

Choose option which best fits according to the text. Circle the correct letter in boxes 8–15 on your answer sheet.

8. Sarah says that when her dad drove off the coast road to explore the countryside
- A. he quickly decided he had made a mistake.
 - B. the family were relieved to be on better roads.
 - C. he was thrilled with the views they discovered
 - D. the family soon realised the drive wouldn't be very exciting.
9. How does Sarah describe the towns they passed through?
- A. There was no sign of life between each one.
 - B. They were located very far apart.
 - C. There were a lot of gardens in each one.
 - D. They had quite a few shops.
10. How was Sarah affected by the remote homes she saw along the way?
- A. She began to feel quite homesick.
 - B. She was keen to know more about the owners' lifestyles.
 - C. She found the thought of living there scary.
 - D. She wondered why people wanted to live so far from other people.
11. When Sarah first spotted some wild kangaroos, she
- A. hoped they wouldn't be the only wildlife they saw.
 - B. was afraid they might be dangerous.
 - C. felt concerned about their lack of food.
 - D. was surprised at their size.
12. What did Sarah feel about the cattle drovers' way of life?
- A. She envied them their lifestyle.
 - B. It was very unpredictable.
 - C. It was physically exhausting.
 - D. She decided she'd like to work with animals too.
13. When Sarah saw the crocodile show at the zoo, she was
- A. frightened by their behaviour
 - B. disappointed that they were asleep.
 - C. keen to have a better look at them.
 - D. attracted by their unusual appearance.
14. Sarah says that the new crocodiles at the zoo
- A. appeared stressed by the journey they'd had.
 - B. had been transported there in an inappropriate way.
 - C. seemed pleased to be in their new home.
 - D. had been brought in because they were babies.

15. At the zoo, Sarah managed to
- + A. photograph some kangaroos.
 - ⓑ see how kangaroos defend themselves.
 - C. ask the kangaroos' keeper some questions.
 - D. stroke the kangaroos.

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 60 minutes

(40 points)

Task 1

For items 1–10, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 EDITOR

WANT TO BE A TEENAGE MODEL?

Ceri Palmer used to be the (0) <u>EDITOR</u> of a magazine for teenagers and	EDIT
has made several (1) <u>APPEARS</u> on TV.	APPEAR
She recently added 'designer' to her growing list of (2) <u>ACHIEVEMENTS</u>	ACHIEVE
Ceri's experience in the magazine industry means she has lots of advice on starting a career in (3) <u>MODELING</u> :	MODEL
"A lot of the most (4) <u>SUCCESSFUL</u> girls and boys become models because	SUCCESS
they are spotted on the street by the owner of an (5) <u>AGENCY</u> .	AGENT
But this is (6) <u>LIKELY</u> to happen to many people, so you should send your photos to an agent instead.	LIKE
Don't pay to have photos taken (7) <u>PROFESSIONALLY</u> - if an agent likes you, they'll organize this.	PROFESSION
You may find it (8) <u>SURPRISING</u> to hear that models don't need to be really good-looking.	SURPRISE
Your (9) <u>HIGH</u> and your look matter more.	HIGH
Finally, schools for models are (10) <u>EXPENSIVE</u> and a waste of money, in my opinion."	EXPENSE

Task 2

For items 11–20, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:	A	B	C	D
0	Conservatively	Traditionally	Customarily	Practically

0	B
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A YOUNG CONTENDER

(0)__, bowls is described (11)___ being a game which is played by senior citizens, so the announcement that a ten-year-old will be taking part in the National Bowls Championship has come as a shock to many players.

At the age of five, Ean Morton (12)___ his football boots for a set of bowls which once (13) to his great-grand-mother. He (14) to bowls at once but it (15)___ have been easy for Ean because he had to play against people who could take (16)___ of his inexperience. In spite of the fact that Ean did not achieve (17)___ success at bowls, he refused to allow it to spoil his enjoyment of it.

Now, five years later, Ean is more than a match for most of his opponents. He is very excited (18)___ playing in the tournament but admits that he doesn't really know what to expect. His father, who will also be playing in the Championship, is more optimistic. He believes that Ean will reach the (19) and is prepared to (20)___ by him every step of the way.

	A	B	C	D
11	from	with	(as) +	for
12	swapped	converted	switched	(bartered)
13	owned	(belonged) +	possessed	effected
14	liked	(stood) +	set	took
15	mustn't	(can't)	(oughtn't)	shouldn't
16	(benefit)	(advantage) +	profit	gain
17	(sudden)	straight	(direct)	instant
18	for	from	(about) +	with
19	peak	(top) +	summit	crest
20	support	set	(stand) +	back

Task 3

For questions 21–35, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct put a tick. Use the letter "V" as a tick. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in a given space. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).

NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL

0	The BBC has just announced that it will be showing	V
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00	a new series called <i>Neighbours from Hell</i> from by the	by
21	beginning of next month. Since it is being thought that	✓
22	many citizens have to stand up for their neighbours' rude	✓
23	behaviour either because they do not have enough of	✓
24	evidence for the police to act or they are too much	to
25	frightened	
26	of their neighbours, the show is likely to be popular,	✓
27	Although the first episode shows the case of two elderly	✓
28	men who have had an argument about a water supply	✓
29	last year. As a result of this, one of the men threatened	✓
30	the other. Despite of the fact that threats had been	✓
31	made, the police could not do nothing until they	✓
32	had proof that the law had been broken. The man	✓
33	who had been threatened decided that he should to get	to
34	the evidence required so he went to home, got out his	to
35	video camera and waited for his neighbour to carry out	✓
	his threat. When his neighbour reached to his garden and	
	started to destroy his vegetables, he secured the evidencethe	to
	police needed.	

Task 4

For items 36-40, match the two columns to make English sayings. In the right column, there are three extra phrases you don't need. There is an example at the beginning.

0	E
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0	To kill two birds with
36	Between the devil and
37	To have a card up
38	An iron fist in
39	To keep the wolf from
40	To have several irons in

36	A	the fire.
	B	a velvet glove.
39	C	the horse.
	D	the door.
	E	one stone.
38	F	the deep blue sea.
	G	the other side.
40	H	a brick wall
37	I	your sleeve.

Writing
Time: 30 minutes
(20 points)

Comment on the following problem:

«Elderly people who live alone should be taken care of».

In your comment use the information from the article below.

Elderly people who live alone can be monitored by new technology that analyses household sounds to ensure their safety.

The new sound monitoring system, developed by Fujitsu, the Japanese electronics company, examines noises in homes via a microphone connected to a data centre. The technology is refined enough to differentiate between the sound of a falling object or a collapsing human and can instantly alert family members or security firms if any abnormality is detected.

From breathing and coughing to sleeping, all noises made by the resident can be detected by the technology, in addition to analysis of daily routines, heat and humidity levels.

Write 100 - 140 words.

• Remember to:

- make an introduction
- express your personal opinion on the problem and give reasons for your opinion
- express your attitude towards the information from the article
- make a conclusion.

~~Write in your own words.~~
Write in your own words.

② I think that ^{elderly} people who live alone should be taken care of just as old people with families are.

① Our time, there are a lot of elderly people suffering with pain or dying in their own flats alone. Why is it so? It's because not every of them has a family or even an ability to take care of themselves. And this is a huge problem.

③ They made a monitoring system ~~that will analyse household sounds and ensure their safety.~~ ~~that will analyse household sounds and ensure their safety.~~ that will analyse household sounds and ensure their safety. This kind of technology will be very useful for people ⁹⁰ ~~that~~ with disabilities or no family.

② I personally ^{live} very far from my grand parents ^{house} and every day I ^{worry} about ^{them} and think if they are safe. And I think this problem affects many people around the world.

③ But Japanese electronics company seems to find a solution!

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LISTENING (максимум 10 баллов)

Item	Answer
1	B +
2	A +
3	B +
4	C +
5	C +
6	A -
7	A B +
8	B +
9	C +
10	B +

9

READING (максимум 15 баллов)

Task 1

Item	Answer	
1	not state d	+
2	true	-
3	true	+
4	false	+
5	false	+
6	true	+
7	true	+

Task 2

Item	Answer
8	D +
9	A -
10	A +
11	C +
12	A -
13	D -
14	C +
15	A +

11

USE OF ENGLISH (максимум 40 баллов)

Task 1

Item	Answer	
1	appearances	+
2	achievements	+
3	modeling	+
4	successful	+
5	agency	+
6	less-likely	-
7	professionally	+
8	surprising	+
9	height	+
10	expensive	+

Task 2

Item	Answer	
11	C	+
12	A	+
13	B	+
14	B	-
15	A	-
16	B	+
17	D	+
18	C	+
19	B	+
20	C	+

Task 3

Item	Answer	
21	V	-
22	V	-
23	V	-
24	V	-
25	V	+
26	although	+
27	V	-
28	V	+
29	V	-
30	V	-
31	V	+
32	to	+
33	out	-
34	V	+
35	V	-

Task 4

Item	Answer	
36	G	-
37	I	+
38	D	-
39	C	-
40	H	-

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Writing (максимум 40 баллов)

In my opinion, you can never leave your retired parents or grand parents alone on their own. You might not put them in a nurse house but it is important to have someone who would watch them and take care of them, because something might happen to them and they will not be able to call the emergency. Unfortunately, it might not be an option for some people. That is why there are companies who invent systems that analyze household sounds.

I think it is a great opportunity to always be aware of whether your close people are safe or not as the system detects all of the sounds that people make.

In conclusion, these technologies can be really useful for people who don't have time to watch their elderly.

K1-8 K2-2 K3-3 K4-3 K5-2 / 16

PART 1

LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes

Task 1

Listen to the text and choose the right answer A, B or C. You will hear the text twice.

1. How many Matryoshka dolls are there in the museum?
A 40
 B 400
C 4000
2. How many pieces do doll sets usually have?
A five to ten
B B five to nine
 C five to seven
3. When did Matryoshkas first come to Russia?
 A at the end of the 19th century
B at the beginning of the 19th century
C C in the middle of the 19th century
4. How many dolls did the first Matryoshka set have?
A five
 B six
C seven
5. Where is the Russian Matryoshka Museum situated?
A Moscow, Tverskaya Street
B Moscow, Nikitskaya Street
 C Moscow, Leontievsky Pereulok

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet !

PART 2

READING *Time: 15 minutes*

Task 1

Make one text putting the paragraphs A – E into the correct order from 6 – 10 in your answer sheet.